

**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendment and following remarks.

The Notice of Allowability indicates that all pending claims, i.e., claims 1-12, have been allowed. Claim 5 is amended to correct an inadvertent informality.

The claim amendment presented herein does not relate to the stated "primary reason for allowance [which] is the claim limitation for an exposure compensation value calculated in accordance with the detected maximum value of the one-dimensional data and adding the exposure compensation value with the average brightness value." (See Notice of Allowability- Detailed Action, page 2, ¶1.)

Moreover, amended claim 5 is similar to allowed claim 1, adding the further recitation of "a recording medium," and is believe to be none-the-less allowable for at least similar reasons.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment prior to issuance.

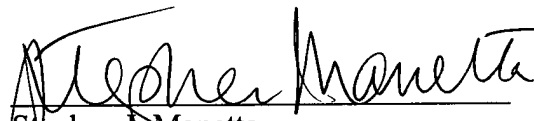
**AUTHORIZATION**

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any fees for filing this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-5159.

Respectfully submitted,  
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